

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 9 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended by including the subject matter of claim 4.

Claims 6, 7, and 8 have been amended by adding the subject matter of original claims 1 and 5.

Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Also cancelled have been claims 10 to 12.

In amending claim 1, the equation missing from claim 4 in the preliminary amendment has been inserted. Since the equation was in original claim 4, no new matter has been added.

Since the Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 6 to 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, it is submitted that the claims in the application are in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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